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## Pimp Found Guilty of Human Trafficking Charges

A jury today found a 31-year-old pimp guilty of trafficking several teenage girls for sex in the Long Beach area between 2006 and 2013, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Rachel Hardiman said Robert Jerome Walker of Compton was found guilty of four counts of human trafficking of a minor for a sex act and one count each of dissuading a witness from prosecuting a case and lewd act upon a child.

Sentencing in case NA096265 is scheduled on Dec. 16 in Department 18 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

Following the nine-day trial, the jury returned guilty verdicts after one day of deliberation.

Walker was part of a group of pimps that referred to themselves as the Compton Division and forced girls to prostitute themselves in Compton and Long Beach, the prosecutor said. Walker made each of the four victims engage in acts of prostitution by using force and threats of violence to control them, according to trial testimony. The youngest victim was 11-years-old.

Additionally, the defendant who went by the moniker of "Bash Millions," threatened one of the victims after she testified against one of the defendant's pimp partners in case NA092429.

The Long Beach Police Department investigated the case.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.